

**To:** Way, Steven[way.steven@epa.gov]  
**From:** Sandoval, Joni  
**Sent:** Mon 8/24/2015 7:28:23 PM  
**Subject:** FW: GK - contracting assistance

Hi Steve,

How would you like to proceed?

I would be happy to inquire other contracting mechanisms if this isn't the route you'd like to pursue.

Let me know. Thanks Steve.

**From:** Braun, Richard  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2015 1:19 PM  
**To:** Sandoval, Joni  
**Cc:** Way, Steven  
**Subject:** RE: GK - contracting assistance  
**Importance:** High

Joni and Steve,

As you know, we normally require ER to allow potential subcontractors to compete for the work. This is how we make sure the gov't is getting a good value. To waive this process would require a written justification. The justification should include:

- 1) an explanation of how much time the normal process would take
- 2) the negative outcomes to the government or communities involved if that much time is taken
- 3) an explanation of how using the subs you mention will save time and avoid the negative outcomes

4) a recommendation that we use the subs requested

To sum it up, if we've got the time to do the normal process – we need to do it. If not, put together a justification as outlined above and I'll agree to it.

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**From:** Sandoval, Joni  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2015 11:00 AM  
**To:** Braun, Richard  
**Cc:** Way, Steven  
**Subject:** FW: GK - contracting assistance

Rich – Steve needs quick guidance on the subcontracting options below. I want to make sure he gets the support he needs. Can you let us know what you think so he can move this forward.  
Thanks.

**From:** Way, Steven  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 23, 2015 1:10 PM  
**To:** Sandoval, Joni  
**Subject:** GK - contracting assistance

Joni,

I will need some assistance on various subcontracts and requirements to support the Gold King work. We have several urgent engineering and mining contractor support requirements. Currently we have Deere and Ault Engineers on contract with a proposal. We had used them under the original GK Assessment scope to help with an Adit portal design and some potential ground support specs pending. Also we had Harrison and Western on as the mining sub for the portal and underground work.

We are now on a new project, but they have some prior knowledge and or have worked that site. The timeliness of this work is critical given the time of year. It would be preferred to continue with these firms on the new GK Release Site project. Please let me know your opinion on the need to go out for new bids, etc.

Thank you,

Steve

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